

cleavage of growth hormone, placental lactogen, or growth hormone variant hGH-V.

3. (Amended) The isolated peptide of claim 1 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18.

4. (Amended) The isolated peptide of claim 1 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24.

5. (Amended) The isolated peptide of claim 1 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:30.

Please cancel claims 6-26.

27. (New) The isolated peptide of claim 1, further comprising:
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

28. (New) An isolated peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 present in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in a concentration in a range of from about 0.8 to about 1 nM.

29. (New) An isolated peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24 present in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in a concentration in a range of from about 0.8 to about 1 nM.

30. (New) An isolated peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:30 present in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in a concentration in a range of from about 0.8 to about 1 nM.